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| 1)🖂 | Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 S | eptember 2003. | | | | |
| 2a)⊠ | This action is FINAL . 2b) ☐ This | action is non-final. | | | | |
| 3)□ | Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the ments is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. | | | | | |
| Dispositi | on of Claims | | | | | |
| 4)🖾 | I)⊠ Claim(s) <u>17-21 and 23-32</u> is/are pending in the application. | | | | | |
| | 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw | wn from consideration. | | | | |
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| | Claim(s) is/are objected to. | r election requirement | • | | | |
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| | 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner. | | | | | |
| 10)⊠ | D) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on 16 March 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner. | | | | | |
| | Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). | | | | | |
| 11) | | • | , , | | | |
| 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120 | | | | | | |
| 12)⊠ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). | | | | | | |
| a)[_* s | □ All b) Some * c) None of: □ Certified copies of the priority document □ Certified copies of the priority document □ Copies of the certified copies of the priority application from the International Bureau See the attached detailed Office action for a list acknowledgment is made of a claim for domesti | s have been received. s have been received in Application ity documents have been receive u (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). of the certified copies not receive | on No ed in this National Stage ed. | | | |
| 37 | nce a specific reference was included in the first CFR 1.78. | | , , | | | |
| a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received. 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78. | | | | | | |
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| 1) Notice 2) Notice | e of References Cited (PTO-892) e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) nation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _ | 5) Notice of Informal P | (PTO-413) Paper No(s) atent Application (PTO-152) | | | |

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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the Amendment filed 24 September 2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

All 35 USC § 103 rejections stated in Paper No. 7 are maintained.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 24 September 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant contends that the Nakagawa reference does not teach the instant invention because he does not use an assembly to move the insert to thereby compress the molding composition during molding. This is not persuasive because although he states in Column 9, lines 60-65 that the pressure force of the insert is due to the clamping force of the clamping cylinder, said clamping cylinder acts directing upon the cylinder which moves the molding insert (Column 4, lines 20-50). Therefore, movement of the clamping cylinder causes movement of the assembly which applies pressure to the insert. In sum, the insert is moved by an independent assembly, resulting in compression of the molding composition, teaching applicant's claims.

Applicant contends that the Nakagawa reference does not teach the instant invention because he does not disclose a first negative form arranged on the opposing end faces of the Application/Control Number: 09/787,471

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plates of the mold. This is not persuasive because Nakagawa clearly discusses the mold cavities formed by the top and bottom mold (i.e. having a first form) and their ability to produce molded articles by creating cavities (Column 3, lines 5-9).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monica A Fontaine whose telephone number is 703-305-7239.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Colaianni can be reached on 703-305-5493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9310.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

December 4, 2003

MICHAEL COLAIANNI PRIMARY EXAMINER

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